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President Barack Obama, the newly sworn-in 44th president of the United States, waves as he and his wife, Michelle, walk down Pennsylvania Avenue during the inaugural parade yesterday in Washington, D.C.

Spirit of change

History's chain broke awkwardly yesterday, a few minutes later than advertised, a few crucial words shy of correct.

When Barack Hussein Obama and Chief Supreme Court Justice John Roberts finally got the 35 words to the oath of office right — the chief justice muddled the oath, while Obama waited and smiled — the date with destiny was complete.

Every colour. Every country, too, represented in the frozen masses assembled on the National Mall outside the west front of the

U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. And a billion more, on television and online, the world over.

It was arguably the most joyous gathering in U.S. history, three kilometres of humanity, a mesmerizing flurry of flags and smiles.

A race card turned, a legacy trumped — and America made sense again. Different sense. Better sense.

A hush fell. More words — 17 minutes of words. And the Poet-in-Chief hit every mark.

Too many marks, surely. It was a speech that was in-

United States Presidential Inauguration

tended as all things to all people. Those who came wanting to hear Obama claim Martin Luther King Jr.'s promised land left with the mountaintop unmentioned. Perhaps what you can see speaks for itself.

For America, he both promised and demanded renewal. For the world, a hand outstretched. For the Muslim world, a fresh start. "Starting today," he said,

"we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin the work of remaking America."

However the next four years unfold, the reality is that a child born today, black or white or otherwise, will grow up taking this day as a matter of fact.

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Inauguration Quotes

**A collection of quotes
on Barack Obama's
inauguration:**

"We also send our warmest wishes to our American neighbours as they celebrate this historic day with their friends around the world ... The United States remains Canada's most important ally, closest friend and largest trading partner and I look forward to working with President Obama and his administration as we build on this special relationship."

— PM STEPHEN HARPER,
IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT

"A new page in the history of civilizations is being written before our very eyes, fulfilling the wishes of so many youths, women and men, from every background and every creed, to see our world become more just and more human."

— GOV. GEN MICHAËLE JEAN

"Your election to this high office has inspired people as few other events in recent times have done."

— SOUTH AFRICA'S
NELSON MANDELA

"At a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, co-operation and peace among the nations."

— POPE BENEDICT XVI,
IN A TELEGRAM TO OBAMA

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Kids show what you can do

Auditions for the Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede are almost here and young Calgarians are invited to throw their hat in. On Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 auditions will be held for young males and females between the ages of seven to 11 years old. For more information please visit www.theyoungcanadians.com.

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Lawyers argue for short jail terms

Accused men didn't know Roszko was about to kill Mounties: Defence

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
Metro Canada



Two men who admitted to supplying James Roszko with a rifle and a ride in the slaughter of four Alberta Mounties neither pulled the trigger, nor knew the cop-hater was about to commit the vicious act, defence lawyers argued yesterday.

Though brothers-in-law Shawn Hennessey, 29, and Dennis Cheeseman, 25, pleaded guilty Monday to manslaughter in connection with the infamous 2005 Mayerthorpe-area slayings, defence lawyers D'arcy Depoe and Peter Northcott claim neither knew Roszko intended to storm officers

Support

- More than 100 letters were submitted to court in support of the two men from family, friends and community members who stand behind them.

in a hail of bullets.

"Neither of these men are the ones who shot the four police officers," Depoe said, during yesterday's sentencing hearing.

Each claim even though their clients handed Roszko a gun and drove him to his farm, they thought his intentions were only to torch the quonset grow-op hut, and were unaware police were in the process of raiding his property.

"He didn't feel it was an option," Depoe said of Hennessey, claiming his client was frightened when Roszko asked for help hours before the shootings. "He gave him the rifle."

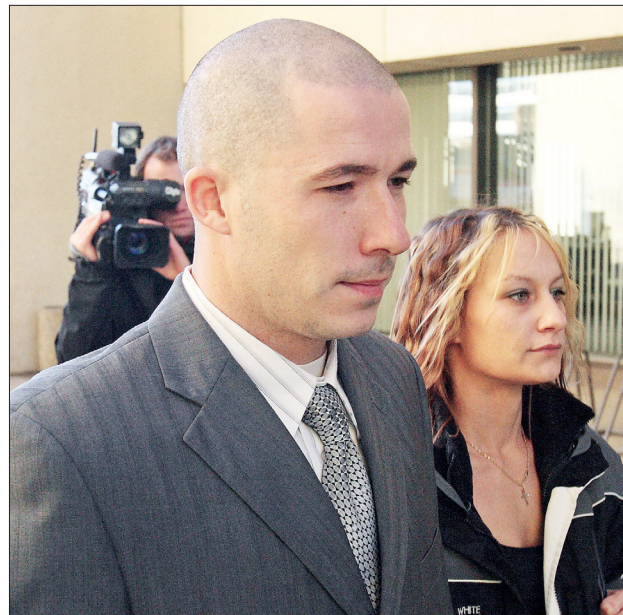
Crown prosecutor David Labrenz has recommended each man be incarcerated for 10 to 15 years.

Depoe has asked Hennessey serve no more than five years, less time served. Northcott asked for the minimum four-year sentence, less time served.

Court of Queen's Bench Judge Eric Macklin is expected to reach a decision within seven to 10 days.

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Shawn Hennessey and his wife, Christine, enter the provincial court house in Edmonton, on Monday morning.

BEN LEMPHERS/FOR METRO CANADA

Cop busted for impaired driving

CHARGED A 17-year Calgary police veteran has been charged with impaired driving, and subsequently relieved from duty with pay. On Saturday, off-duty officer Det. Travis Dunkle was stopped at a Check Stop along Richmond Road and he displayed signs of alcohol impairment and failed a breathalyzer, according to a police release.

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Dr. Dean Ornish to lecture at Ross Glen Hall

International health expert and bestselling author Dr. Dean Ornish will be speaking at Mount Royal College on Jan. 29 for his lecture Your Genes Are Not Your Fate. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the Ross Glen Hall in the Centre for Continuous Learning. Tickets are \$89. **METRO CALGARY**

U of C tunes into history

Students watch inauguration of U.S. President Barack Obama



Tom Stringham, left, 18, was among dozens who came to the University of Calgary cafeteria to show some support for our southern neighbours and watch a moment in history as Barack Obama was inaugurated as president of the United States.

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

"That Empty Space" at the University of Calgary was far from vacant yesterday as dozens of students and community members packed the cafeteria to watch U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration.

A large screen projected the ceremony live from 9 a.m. until its conclusion around 10:45 a.m., with cheers resonating at everything from the announcement that George W. Bush was no longer president to powerful tidbits in Obama's first speech as the 44th president of the United States.

"I'm here to watch history in the making," said Frances Sonde, a Universi-

"The biggest change will be everyone's mindset. He'll encourage everybody, no matter what race they are from, that they can live up to their dreams."

University of Calgary student Frances Sonde

ty of Calgary student who had been planning for weeks to watch the ceremony and had even created a Facebook group encouraging her friends to attend.

People of all ages gathered to watch the screening, some standing on chairs and tables to see the screens and others waving American flags or showing off Obama T-shirts.

"The biggest change will be everyone's mindset," Sonde said as the crowd cheered.

"He'll encourage every-

body, no matter what race they are from, that they can live up to their dreams."

Danielle Groeheveld, a 19-year-old U of C student, said she hadn't initially planned to watch the inauguration but when the computers in their lab went down, the class decided to head to the cafeteria.

"I thought it would be cool," she said, adding that if Obama initiates the change he advocates, she'll be glad to know where she was when it all happened.

Mclver wants protest bylaw to be reviewed

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

A 15-year-old bylaw prohibits people from holding political protests in front of city hall, but Ald. Ric Mclver is looking to change that.

He will bring the issue to the city council meeting Monday, and is hoping council will vote to investigate the current rules regarding demonstrations at city hall, Olympic Plaza and Stephen Avenue Mall.

If council votes yes, recommendations will be brought forth to possibly change the bylaw before June.

"Important social changes in our city right now are brought about through peaceful protest," Mclver said.

"We are a democratic country, a democratic city and we should allow participation in political protests and free speech. Rather than getting angry about it, let's just fix it."

Bruce Foster, chair of political science at Mount Royal College, said unless protests turn violent he doesn't see the harm in allowing them at city hall.

"Protests are a staple in democracy," Foster said. "I'll bet though, some of Mclver's fellow aldermen are not going to like him bringing this to council. It's going to shine a public eye on those who don't favour political protesting."



Ric Mclver

News in brief

MENINGITIS A seven-year-old Lethbridge boy has died of meningitis in a Calgary hospital late Monday night. Chinook Health is offering little details about the boy or which hospital. They also believe it is an isolated case, as there are no signs of other cases in the community.

CRIME A 62-year-old man remains in hospital and Calgary police hope a Crime Stoppers re-enactment filmed yesterday will lead to the arrest of two suspects. Police hope the re-enactment of the serious assault on the man on Aug. 21, 2008, in a park at the 300 block of 86 Avenue SE will lead to information. The man suffered life-changing injuries, according to police.

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Charges laid in deadly hit and run

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Charges have been laid against a Calgary man in Sunday's hit and run that killed Sandra McEvoy, also known as Sandra Casey, outside of Money Pennies Eatery and Bar located at 1742 10 Ave SW.

Stavros (Steve) Costoulas, 43, was charged yesterday with one count of hit and run causing death after he allegedly failed to stop when he hit the woman at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Sgt. Graeme Ramsay said Costoulas arrived at the District 2 office Sun-

day around 3 p.m. and was being evasive about the collision he wanted to report, leading police to eventually issue a search warrant, where they found a 2007 Mitsubishi Gallant that allegedly struck the victim.

"I can't even explain (why he drove off)," said Sandra Ramsay, adding alcohol or a suspended licence is usually involved with hit and runs. But Ramsay said none of the evidence points in that direction.

It's possible Costoulas wanted to turn himself in,

Ramsay said, but he may have been afraid. Ramsay added that details surrounding Costoulas' motivation when he came in to report the incident are unclear.

However, the sergeant hopes it provides a sense of closure for the family even though there's nothing that can bring McEvoy back.

"We have a couple of unsolved hit and runs. Sometimes just knowing that someone's been charged brings closure," he said.



Sandra McEvoy

Snow removal to be revamped

CITY HALL An unexpected record snowfall of 51.7 centimetres in December showed Ald. Andre Chabot and Ald. Brian Pincott the city needs to make snow removal a higher priority.

They will bring a notice of motion to city council Monday to increase efforts in snow removal at bus stops and school zones. They will also urge council to consider cross-department training and to establish a reserve fund for the roads department.

"We've got policies where transit and pedestrians are at the top of the list, but not in our snow clearing policy," Pincott said.

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Canadian cop shot in Detroit

A police officer from Windsor, Ont., is recovering in a Detroit hospital after he was shot during an apparent carjacking on Monday in Detroit. The officer, whose name has not yet been released, was shot in the arm and the chest outside an auto parts store. Detroit police have one suspect in custody and are looking for two more.

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Edmontonian named to head listeriosis probe

INVESTIGATION Prime Minister Stephen Harper named an investigator yesterday to look into last August's outbreak of listeriosis, which was caused by meats that were contaminated while being processed by Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

He named Sheila Weatherill, a nurse who has been president of an academic health system in Edmonton, as the investigator.

Grits will topple Tories if necessary

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday he is trying to cool tempers ahead of next week's federal budget, but made it clear he is prepared to topple the minority Tory government if necessary.

REUTERS

Oilsands pollution plan lacking: Report

Pollution will continue to plague Alberta's oilsands despite plans to pipe harmful greenhouse gases deep underground, according to documents obtained by Torstar News Service.

Part of the task of cleaning up the oilsands involves capturing carbon dioxide emissions and storing them in geological reservoirs in western Canada.

But, despite proposed national caps on air contaminants, chemicals linked to acid rain, respiratory problems and ozone depletion could escape into the atmosphere at an even faster rate, thanks to an estimated tripling of production from one million barrels a day in 2007 to 3.4 million

Pipeline delayed, activists happy

• Environmental groups are hoping the delay of a major pipeline project that would tie Quebec and Ontario consumers to oil from Alberta will

allow awareness of the program's potential ecological impact to grow. Alberta oil is reportedly the most carbon-heavy oil in the world.

barrels a day in 2017.

Sequestration (as carbon dioxide storage is known), by capturing about 200 megatonnes a year of carbon dioxide, is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by almost 80 per cent in 2017, says an Environment Canada study obtained under the Access to Information Act.

But, the study notes: "There are emissions of CO2 and air contaminants

resulting from the generation of the energy required by (carbon capture and storage) facilities. The CO2 emissions offset the volumes captured by the facilities, while the air contaminant emissions add to the load on the environment."

The June 2008 study predicts emissions of sulfur dioxide, the main ingredient in acid rain, will rise by up to 34 per cent by 2017.

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Ottawa Jean's youth dialogue

United States

Presidential Inauguration



Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean speaks to 125 young people at Rideau Hall where they watched Barack Obama sworn in as president of the United States yesterday. Jean hosted the dialogue to mark the historical significance of the inauguration.

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Arar deported on Khadr tip, court told

GUANTANAMO BAY U.S. authorities were acting on a tip from 15-year-old captive Omar Khadr when they sent Maher Arar to Syria, where he was imprisoned and tortured as a suspected terrorist, according to testimony at the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal yesterday.

Khadr identified a driver's licence photograph of Arar as someone he thought he had seen at an al Qaeda safe house run by a Syrian man in Afghanistan in late September or early October 2001, FBI special agent

Trial

• The testimony came in a pretrial hearing for Khadr, who is charged with murdering a U.S. soldier during a firefight at a suspected al Qaeda compound in 2002.

Robert Fuller testified.

Arar was actually in Canada and the United States during that time, according to a Canadian government inquiry that formally cleared Arar of having terrorist links in 2006.

REUTERS

News in brief

LOTTERY The latest Lotto 6-49 winning ticket was sold in Ontario, but the \$7.5-million winner is from Washington State. Sean Mayer will pay the U.S. equivalent of \$2.1 million in taxes when he crosses the border.

COALITION Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe says the proposed coalition of the Liberals and New Democrats is just as solid as it was before the Governor General prorogued Parliament before the holidays in December, CBC News Online reports.

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Like never before, Americans watched the inauguration of an incoming president online through live video streaming across their computers, and reacted by blogging, vlogging and tweeting. The Internet's top 40 sites slowed down by as much as 60 per cent when the ceremony started. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Presidential Inauguration



Packed house

More than one million people crammed onto the National Mall and along the inauguration parade route to catch a glimpse of the new U.S. first family. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



'Humbled by the task before us'

Obama pays homage to ancestors in vision for a new U.S. future

Barack Obama's first sentence to the American people as U.S. president was, "I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

Sometimes, a moment of history catches the world by surprise with its sheer enormity.

Standing on the terrace of the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., yesterday, hundreds of Canadians, Americans and others stared toward the western front of the U.S. Capitol building in rapt silence, their faces merging with images of the vast crowds that surrounded them, multiplying across a giant TV screen.

And when Barack Obama took his solemn oath of office as America's 44th president, their cheers magnified as though the barriers of colour, creed, politics and nationality had dissolved together into one human voice of global significance.

Canada and the United States have had their differences, and America was seldom more embattled with friends as well as foes than during George W. Bush's administration.

But as Obama made his



U.S. President Barack Obama, centre, is applauded by members of the Joint Congressional Committee during inaugural ceremonies in the President's Room of the Capitol building yesterday after signing his first act as president, a proclamation, moments after being sworn in as the 44th president of the United States in Washington, D.C.

inaugural address, reaching out to "each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity," his words held meaning

for people far beyond his own shores.

"This is the fulfilment of an old dream and the beginning of a new dream," said Wale Ade Sanya, an

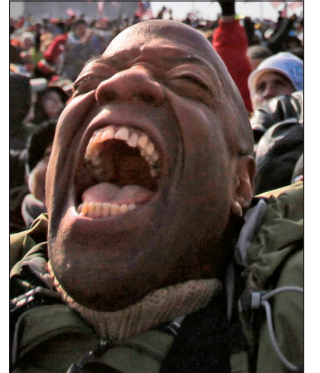
Ottawa investment broker whose family originated in Nigeria.

"It's a large dream, the dream of one world."

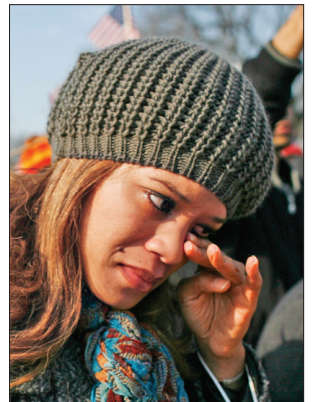
His sentiments were

echoed by many who stood moist-eyed as Obama took the oath as president of Canada's most important international partner.

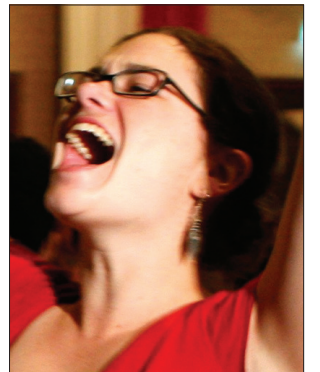
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Sam Cofield of Washington



Alesha Chaney of Illinois



An American reacts at the embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia

Words of wisdom from Obama's speech

• Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet every so often, the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms.



Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that pre-



equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

• It has not been the path for the faint-hearted — for those



cious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: The God-given promise that all are

who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been

the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labour, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.



• In the face of our com-

mon dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested, we refused to let this journey end.

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Erin Subigarta of Chicago

• We remain a young nation, but in the words of

Dick Cheney in a wheelchair

Dick Cheney appeared in a wheelchair at the inauguration. Yet another serious health ailment? No. Boxes. He pulled a back muscle, a spokesperson said, moving his belongings into his new house. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES**

Presidential Inauguration

Obama is fashion first lady

Michelle brings her forward-thinking style to D.C.

Michelle Obama, hailed by many as America's new style icon, officially took her place on the world stage yesterday wearing an outfit in the nontraditional colour of yellow and set fashionistas atwitter.

The new U.S. first lady, 45, chose a sparkling sheath dress and matching coat in a yellow-gold hue by Cuban-born American designer Isabel Toledo for the presidential swearing-in ceremony. She matched it with a wide diamante necklace.

At the formal inaugural ball later she opted for a more classic gown with a little edge.

Her single shoulder strap complemented a simple white style.

Michelle Obama, a former lawyer, has been credited with bringing a chic, youthful style to U.S. politics and for mixing comfortable chain store garments from the likes of Gap and J. Crew with edgier new designers like Chicago's Mario Pinto and Narciso Rodriguez.

Initially seen as slightly aloof, she won hearts in June by wearing an affordable \$148 black and white off-the-rack dress for an appearance on the popular female TV chat show *The View*. It sold out nationwide overnight.

Her swearing-in outfit

was a departure from the red, white or blue tones often adopted by U.S. female politicians on high-profile occasions.

Yellow is traditionally seen in many parts of the world as a symbol of hope and optimism, style experts said. "Yellow is the color of opti-

mism and confidence and hope ... The whole ensemble radiated hope and optimism," Mandi Norwood, a former editor at *Mademoiselle* magazine who is writing a book on Michelle Obama's style, told Reuters.

Bonnie Fuller, former editor in chief of *Glamour* magazine, called it "bold" but wondered, "Is she walking around in inaugural upholstery?"

Fuller wrote in a blog on the

www.huffingtonpost.com website that she had heard one observer quipping that the first lady was "wearing a couch."

New York-based designer Toledo said the coat and dress were made of Swiss wool

lace, backed with netting for warmth on the bitterly cold Washington morning, and lined in French silk.

"I called it lemongrass because it's not exactly a yellow, it's not a green, it's just in-between. It's full of sunshine. It really feels like freshness to me."

"I wanted to capture optimism, I wanted it to feel happy, I wanted it to feel inclusive," she said.

With home foreclosures and layoffs plaguing Americans across the United States, fashion commentators praised Obama by going for understated glamour at the 10 inauguration galas she attend, wearing nothing too glitzy or frivolous.

Dressing down too much could attract as much criticism as extravagance. Los Angeles Times fashion critic Booth Moore was happy with Michelle Obama's for her inaugural ball dress.

"At least for one night, we want our first lady to be more glamorous than the rest of us. We don't want her to be Second-hand Rose, but we don't want her to be Marie Antoinette either. The secret to Obama's sartorial success so far has been walking the line between the two. Here's hoping she continues to do so," Moore said.

REUTERS

Michelle Obama wore contrasting styles throughout the day, switching from conservative, right, to elegant, left.



President pledges improved Muslim relations

POLITICS President Barack Obama promised to improve U.S. ties with the Muslim world in his inauguration address yesterday, after tensions that followed the 9-11 attacks and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect," said Obama, who became the first black president of the United States.

Obama, a practising Christian, spent several years of his childhood in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim nation. His American mother, Ann Dunham, married Muslim



Barack Obama, beside wife Michelle, is sworn in as the 44th U.S. president by Chief Justice John Roberts yesterday at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Indonesian Lolo Soetoro after the end of her marriage to Obama's Kenyan father.

"To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silenc-

ing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will

extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist," Obama said.

Under former president George W. Bush, U.S. relations with Muslim nations have often been fractious, particularly after the 9-11 attacks.

Many Muslims were angered by the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the opening of a prison for foreign terrorism suspects at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, widely seen as a symbol of human rights abuses of mostly Muslim prisoners carried out in the name of the "war on terrorism."

REUTERS

Obama puts 'midnight' laws on hold

PENDING U.S. President Barack Obama's new administration ordered all federal agencies and departments yesterday to stop any pending regulations until they can be reviewed by incoming staff, halting last-minute Bush orders in their tracks.

"This afternoon, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel signed a memorandum sent to all agencies and departments to stop all pending regulations until a legal and policy review can be conducted by the Obama administration," the White House said in a statement issued just hours after Obama took office.

The review is a tool commonly used by a new administration to delay so-called "midnight regulations" put in place by a former president between the election and inauguration day.

REUTERS

Obama will meet on economy today

ADVISERS U.S. President Barack Obama will convene his senior economic advisers today to discuss his economic stimulus plan, the White House said yesterday shortly after his inauguration.

"He'll meet with his economic advisers. I think it's in the afternoon," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said, but added it was not yet clear exactly who would attend.

The U.S. is facing its most daunting economic crisis since the Great Depression. Obama inherits a depleted housing market, a banking system in peril and uncertain consumer confidence.

REUTERS

The Day in brief

KENNEDY U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, who is battling brain cancer, was recovering at a Washington hospital yesterday after suffering a seizure at an inaugural lunch for President Barack Obama. According to witnesses, Kennedy collapsed during the meal but was smiling as he was carried out on a stretcher.

JAPAN Temple bells tolled, fireworks were set off and residents danced the hula in the cold Japanese city of Obama yesterday to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama, who became the first black U.S. president.

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World



'Magic cheese' scam sours

France is investigating what it says is a scam mounted by a French woman who sold thousands of Chileans kits to make "magic cheese" for French beauty products. Gilberte Van Erpe charged clients some 300 euros (\$491) for the kits, which had a market value of about three euros, media reports said.

REUTERS

UN head visits Gaza

Voicing shock and anger at the "heartbreaking" devastation, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited the Gaza Strip yesterday after Israeli attacks killed 1,300 and left thousands homeless.

Israel was set to withdraw its remaining troops before the inauguration of Barack Obama as U.S. president. His predecessor George W. Bush endorsed the three-week offensive as a legitimate response to Hamas rocket fire.

Since a ceasefire began Sunday, Hamas has demonstrated it remains in charge, holding "victory" rallies to coincide with Ban's visit.

"I have seen only a fraction of the destruction. This is shocking and alarming," Ban said, condemning both use of force by Israel and militants' rocket salvos. Ban demanded an inquiry and, if need be, the guilty to be held to account. He criticized Hamas' use of rockets, but said Is-

Summit divided

- Arab leaders agreed at a summit yesterday to help rebuild Gaza, but failed to bridge differences over the offensive.

rael used "excessive force."

Israel blames Hamas for fighting around civilians and sites run by the United Nations, which supports much of Gaza's population of 1.5 million. **REUTERS**

Obama too handsome for satire: Cartoonist

MEDIA U.S. President Barack Obama is too good looking to inspire political cartoons, a caricaturist said yesterday.

"It's never a gift for a caricaturist to draw a handsome man," said Pierre

Kroll, whose work appears in the Belgian daily Le Soir. "Somehow, we prefer overweight people, people with a beard, huge noses ... If caricaturists could elect presidents, we would choose people with faces

we enjoy drawing, not a playboy like him." **REUTERS**

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India Getting into the spirit



School children wearing masks of U.S. President Barack Obama pose during a rally yesterday in Lucknow, India. About 10,000 students took part in the anti-terrorism rally.

News in brief

PERU Four employees of Min-era Afroditia and two other travelers in northern Peru were held hostage for the sixth day yesterday, taken by protesters upset by mining development.

Afroditia has concessions near Peru's northern border. A small Canadian miner, Dorato Resources, has the rights to buy up to 100 per cent of the company's shares. **REUTERS**

Deaths of lawyer, reporter provoke protest in Chechnya

SHOOTING Thousands of protesters in Chechnya yesterday demanded the Russian authorities bring to justice the killers of a human-rights lawyer and a reporter who were gunned down in central Moscow.

Stanislav Markelov, a lawyer who fought against the early release of a former Russian colonel imprisoned for the murder of a Chechen girl, was shot dead on Monday.

A reporter for the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, who was walking down the road with Markelov, was shot in the head. She later died in hospital.

Markelov, 34, represented the family of 18-year-old Elza Kungayeva, whose murder in 2000 became a symbol of human-rights abuses in war-ravaged Chechnya. **REUTERS**

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North Korea could work with Obama

A pro-Pyongyang paper hinted at nuclear disarmament talks with the U.S., saying "change is not the monopoly of American politicians." **REUTERS**

Seats open to Iraqi women

But ensured council spots create little change, candidates say

More than a quarter of the 14,431 candidates registered for Iraq's provincial council elections are women, but college student Fatma Imad sees few women's faces on the posters in her neighbourhood.

"Even if I want to choose a woman, where are these women? I don't see any posters for a woman candidate," she asks.

In a Jan. 31 poll, law ensures women will be represented: Each party that wins seats must give every third spot to a woman.

But in a country that was once one of the most progressive for women's rights in the Middle East, and

where black candidates plan to run for election for the first time, female candidates say the quota gives them little real clout.

Liza Nisan, a National Assyrian Party candidate, left municipal politics because of threats, and only agreed to stand as a candidate because the party was desperate for female names to meet its quota. She does not allow her picture to appear on campaign posters.

Baghdad University law professor Bushra al-Ubaidi said the dominant religious parties have so far doled out seats to women selected to ensure they would not fight for women's rights. **REUTERS**



An election campaign poster of a female candidate, representing political party Gathering of The Iraqi National Project, is seen on a street in Baghdad.

'Grim' bird flu fight ahead

BIRD FLU China faces a "grim" situation in preventing and controlling human cases of bird flu, the health minister said after announcing four human infections and three deaths in two weeks.

Health Minister Chen Zhu called for hospitals to use more resources to diagnose and treat bird flu, Xinhua news agency said.

The mother of a toddler

diagnosed with bird flu reportedly died of pneumonia this month, but no samples had been taken to see if she had bird flu.

The toddler, and the three recent fatalities, have all fallen ill in areas where there have been no known cases. China vaccinates heavily for bird flu, raising concerns that the vaccines could be masking the virus. **REUTERS**

Needles, not points, key in acupuncture

STUDY Acupuncture prevents headaches and migraines, but fake treatments using the "wrong" points seem to work nearly as well, researchers said.

Their findings suggest

the benefits of acupuncture may stem more from people's belief in the technique, meaning specific needle points may be less important than practitioners have argued. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CHINA U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration speech has a twist in translations available on some Chinese websites. In the translations available on top Chinese portals Sina and Sohu, the word "communism" is omitted from a line about fac-

ing down communism and fascism. A paragraph describing nations that silence dissenters as being "on the wrong side of history" is missing altogether.

EGYPT Authorities in Cairo have seized stolen pages torn from an illustrated manuscript

from an Australian woman trying to smuggle them out of the country. The pages may be from a book dating back to the Indian Mughal period, which began in the early 16th century.

RUSSIA Since the economic cri-

sis began hammering the rubble and stock markets and key oil exports in Russia, the country's leading psychiatric institute has seen a 10 to 20 per cent increase in outpatients, a spokeswoman said. Russia has the world's second-highest suicide rate. **REUTERS**

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Aretha heralds new hope

The WestView

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My fellow Canadians:
Did you have your noses pressed against the glass of history yesterday?

I know I did. In my case, the glass was the 56-inch Sony at our house, a.k.a. the Big Unit, and let me tell you, it was the catbird seat.

Canadians have an odd, passive relationship with the United States: We watch it on TV.

Even more so these days, because it's getting tough to go there. You have to wait a couple of hours in a lineup at the border, and when you get there, there's a 26-cent premium on everything, so you can't even get a decent bargain any more.

But I digress.

For about 60 years, endlessly fascinated, we have watched America become the world's most powerful

nation ... on television. We loved Lucy, grokked Spock, mourned Kennedy, got lifted up by Martin Luther King Jr., observed Shock and Awe in shock and awe.

We worshipped the American Idol and tried to copy it, although the Canadian version invariably can't sing.

Aretha Franklin can sing. Boy, can she ever. Even now, when's she's old and stout. And that's when I lost it yesterday, just before Barack Obama was sworn in, Aretha got

up and with a choir of angels, belted out "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," on the steps of the Capitol building.

Somehow, even though it is sung to the tune of God Save the Queen, My Country 'Tis of Thee is an entire-ly American song. Maybe

it's the refrain that Aretha sang and sang and sang over again, circling around the pitch like a Motown voodoo goddess: "Let freedom ring!"

"In one three-minute funky fanfare, (Aretha Franklin) sang away the bitter shadows of the last decade."

And that's when, I'm not ashamed to say, I lost it. Tears streamed down my face, and I succumbed to the joyful sea-

son finale/debut of the longest running series on TV — from Birmingham, through Dallas, via Chicago, through Kent State, down Route 66 to



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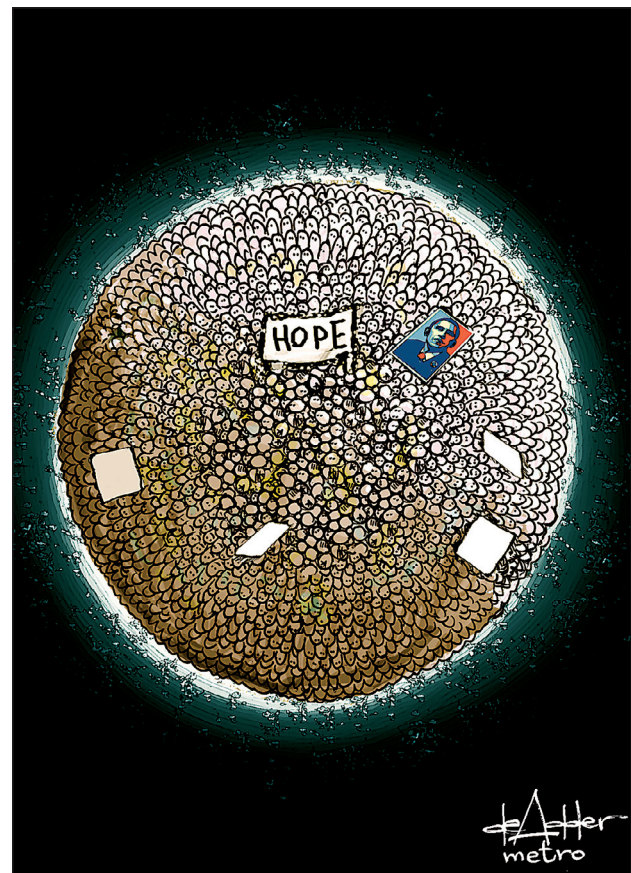
Watts, to the jungles of Vietnam, under the hanging chads of Florida, onto the streets of Baghdad, through Wall Street, to the Lincoln Memorial, to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

But they had me at Aretha and Let Freedom Ring. In one three-minute funky fanfare, she sang away the bitter shadows of the last decade, the harrowing, vicious, sardonic cynicism of the Bushes, the Cheneys and the Roves, and heralded the possibility of what we too easily refer to as "hope" and "change."

Barack Obama stands for something more rich and sonorous than mere hope and change, but I can't really describe it; I can only watch and listen from the other side of the glass and hope they never take this marvelous reality TV show off the air.

It's my favourite.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.



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Worth mentioning

Wine makers toast a new wine drinker in the White House

The wine world is raising a glass to President Barack Obama as he moves into the White House, hoping his enjoyment of U.S. wine will impact on American's drinking habits.

U.S. wine producers could hardly contain their glee at the news that the Obamas had bought a \$1.65 million mansion in Chicago equipped with four fireplaces — and a wine cellar that reportedly holds up to 1,000 bottles.

"I can't help but think that after eight years of no wine drinkers in the White House that (Obama) will have a felicitous effect on Americans' drinking habits," John Gillespie, head of the Wine Market Council, told the 2009 Wine Market Council Research Conference in New York.

REUTERS

Quote of the Day

"This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed ... why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath."

— An excerpt from U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration address.

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Reaction: Obama-mania sweeps across Canada

"He gives us an example of strength as a leader, and it's not about what you look like anymore or the colour of your skin. It's about who you are and what you stand for."

—Lincoln Thorne, Vancouver



"I watched his public address. I'm very excited. I think it's going to be amazing for the U.S. and on a global spectrum. I think it's a great change."

—Cathlin Antonello, Ottawa



"Like many who have come before him, Barack Obama offered hope that the soul of America can be redeemed."

—Rick Halpern, Toronto



"Rosa Parks sat down so King could walk. King walked so Barack could run. Barack ran so that all of us can fly."

—Rev. Elias Mwamba Mutuale, Nova Scotia



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Sherman moves to Bay's top spot

Hudson's Bay Trading Co. named Jeffrey Sherman as president and chief executive, moving the chief executive of HBC to the parent company's top spot. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Dollar falls as rate cut disappoints

The Canadian dollar fell versus the U.S. currency yesterday as the greenback rallied, but recovered some losses after the Bank of Canada cut its overnight lending rate to a 50-year low.

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate by 50 basis points to one per cent and predicted a period of falling prices this year as a recession takes hold. It signalled that further cuts may be on the horizon, but said it would judge carefully "to what

Expectations met

- A Reuters poll released late last week predicted the Bank of Canada would cut its lending rate by at least 50 basis points.

extent further monetary stimulus will be required."

The Canadian dollar rose slightly to 79.31 US cents from 78.90 US cents immediately after the bank's announcement, but was still down from its

close of 79.70 US cents on Monday.

The currency may have firmed after the rate decision because a few market players were betting on a larger cut by the central bank, said Michael Gregory, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

"There was a little, perhaps, disappointment by the market that there wasn't more of an aggressive move, which of course provides a little support for the Canadian dollar," he said. **REUTERS**

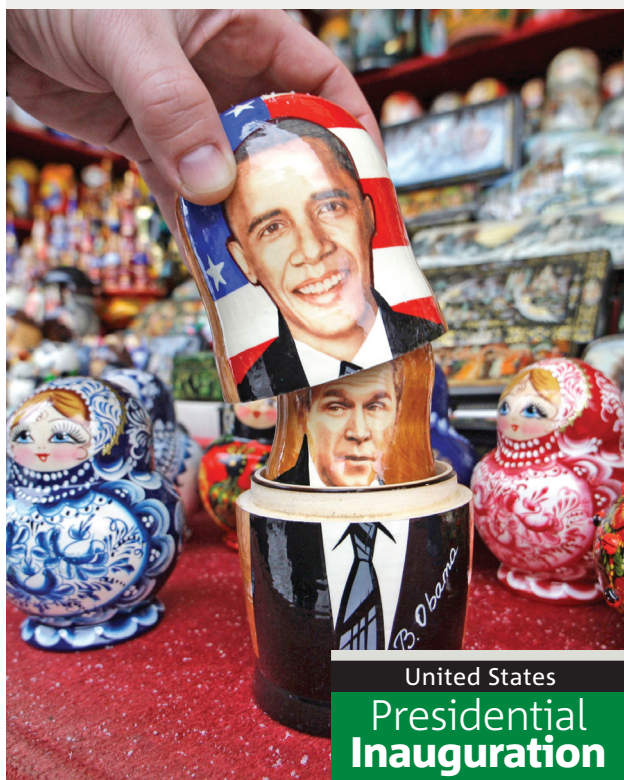
Suncor posts rare \$215M loss in Q1

OIL Suncor Energy Inc. reported its first quarterly net loss in 16 years yesterday, as it slashed capital spending and halted construction on a massive oil-sands project to cope with plunging commodity prices.

Suncor, which said in October it planned to delay completion of a \$20.6 billion expansion of its northern Alberta oil-sands operation because of economic turmoil, has now decided to mothball the project until better times return. It chopped its 2009 capital spending budget by half to \$3 billion.

The company reported a fourth-quarter net loss — its first since the third quarter of 1992 — of \$215 million, or 24 cents a share, down from a year-earlier profit of \$1.04 billion, or \$1.13 a share. **REUTERS**

Inauguration Shedding a layer



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A man displays Russian Matryoshka dolls he is selling, featuring portraits of former U.S. president George W. Bush and President Barack Obama (top), in St. Petersburg, Russia, yesterday.

In brief

GAS Russian gas reached Slovakia and Hungary via Ukraine for the first time in two weeks yesterday after Moscow and Kiev signed a supply deal.

INCENTIVE Bell Canada said it will offer a retirement incentive to about 1,500 unionized staff — employees eligible to retire in 2009 and 2010 — as it moves to cut costs. The company did not disclose the financial terms of the offer. **REUTERS**

Factory sales plunge 6.4 points

SALES The value of Canadian manufacturing shipments plunged by a record 6.4 per cent in November from October, dragged down by weaker commodity prices, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

The drop — the fourth consecutive month-on-month decrease — was far steeper than the 2.5 per cent fall predicted by analysts and was the worst

since Statistics Canada adopted its current method of calculating the data in 1992.

The value of petroleum and coal product sales dropped by 20.6 per cent in November, largely due to an 18.5 per cent drop in prices. Sales by primary metal manufacturers fell 17.4 per cent on the back of a 6.0 per cent decrease in prices. **REUTERS**

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Peter Forsberg is back skating, test his ailing right foot in what could be his last attempt at a comeback. "If it doesn't work now I'm forced to give it up for good," Forsberg, 35, told a Swedish newspaper yesterday. Forsberg made a late-season return to the Colorado Avalanche last season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Sports in brief

NHL New York Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro is out for the season because of continuing problems with a surgically-repaired knee. The 27-year-old goalie has played only five games and won't see action this season, the Islanders announced yesterday.

MLB Canadian pitcher Erik Bedard and the Seattle Mariners agreed yesterday to a \$7.75-million, one-year contract (U.S.) that gave him a raise of \$750,000 and avoided salary arbitration.

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Gold for Jasey Jay

Canadian Jasey-Jay Anderson, left, won gold at the world snowboard championships yesterday, securing his spot on the 2010 Canadian Olympic team. The Mont-Tremblant, Que., native finished first in the parallel giant slalom and was joined on the podium by fellow Canadian Matthew Morison, who won bronze.

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Jackie would be proud

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Somewhere, Jackie Robinson was cartwheeling yesterday. That was the word from Don Newcombe, Robinson's old friend and teammate. It was Robinson, of course, who busted Major League Baseball's colour barrier in 1947, when he became its first African-American player.

Newcombe, who joined Robinson with the Dodgers two years later and emerged as a superstar pitcher, remains an official spokesman for the club in Los Angeles. And he told me tears streamed down his face as Barack Obama was inaugurated as U.S. president yesterday.

"It's impossible to articulate what Jackie and I went through," Newcombe, 82, said via telephone. "We couldn't eat in the same restaurants or pee in the same washrooms as white players. Jackie went through a living hell because he was the first. He was viewed as evil."

"And so to be alive now and to

see Obama becoming president is truly incredible. I wish Jackie were alive. I wish he could see this. He'd have been so happy, so relieved. I'm sure he's doing cartwheels today."

Robinson died in 1972 of a heart attack. He was only 53.

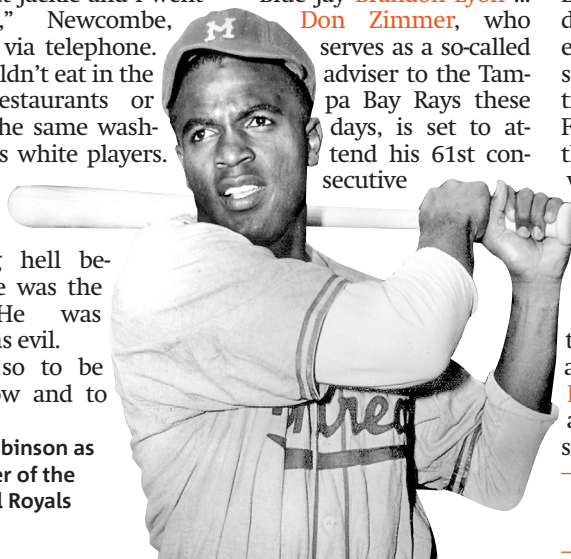
• Dozens of NBA luminaries skipped practices yesterday — and will consequently be slapped with club fines — to attend the inauguration festivities.

Many were serious financial contributors to Obama, including LeBron James, Chauncey Billups, Baron Davis, Dwight Howard, Emeka Okafor, Luke Walton and Chris Duhon.

Duhon, as reported here in October, even played pickup hoops against Obama.

Asked what was Obama's best basketball move, Duhon deadpanned: "I don't think he has one."

• The Detroit Tigers, you should know, are close to signing a new closer — ex-Blue Jay Brandon Lyon ... Don Zimmer, who serves as a so-called adviser to the Tampa Bay Rays these days, is set to attend his 61st consecutive



Jackie Robinson as a member of the Montreal Royals in 1946.

No love for NFC

• The Arizona Cardinals have scored at least 30 points in each of their three playoff wins, but oddsmakers largely feel they've yet to play a defence as good as Pittsburgh's, which they'll face in the Super Bowl. The Steelers are seven-point favourites. "The AFC has a little more respect as far as the way they play power football," said Jay Rood, MGM Mirage Inc. race and sports books director.

training camp next month, despite suffering a stroke that prevented him from speaking about a week ago ... Add the names of Vladimir Guerrero (recovering from knee surgery) and Albert Pujols (recovering from elbow surgery) to the growing list of superstars who won't likely participate in March's World Baseball Classic.

• Quarterback Kurt Warner, a former Arena Football League player who was deemed unworthy of NFL employment for years, essentially sealed his induction into the league's Hall of Fame Sunday, when he led the Arizona Cardinals to a victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC final and to a berth into the Feb. 1 Super Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It will be Warner's third trip to the Bowl. His teams are 8-2 in post-season play. Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts, in comparison, are 7-8 in the playoffs.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Inauguration The champ, always



Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, right, sits with his wife Yolanda on the inaugural stage prior to the ceremony in Washington, D.C. yesterday.

A Presidential day for Burris

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Henry Burris is collecting rings more quickly than Elizabeth Taylor.

The Calgary Stampeders quarterback, who led the team to the 2008 Grey Cup title in November, has also been named the Presidents' Ring recipient for the second consecutive season, making it his third gold band in less than 12 months.

"The year finished in great fashion for us (with a Grey Cup ring) and we're already looking forward to 2009," said Burris, whose Stampeders host the Grey Cup game at McMahon Stadium in November.

"It's starting off with a big bang, especially when your teammates reward you in this way, not only for what you've done (on the field) but also for the community."

The Presidents' Ring has been awarded annually since 1967 by the Stampeders players to the teammate who best demonstrates excellence on and off the field.

His teammates selected Burris based on his on-field contributions and leadership while he has supported the community with events such as the annual Henry Burris All-Star Weekend that benefits Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Burris is just the fourth player to earn the ring in back-to-back seasons along with Danny Barrett, Alondra Johnson and Jay McNeil.

Burris will receive the ring at a team luncheon on May.

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Ford wins CAA awards

Ford has won two CAA Pyramid awards for its new blind-spot mirror and 100 per cent recycled seats, Canadian Driver reports. The innovative mirror, which won the CAA Pyramid award for safety innovation of the year, uses a secondary convex spotter mirror that provides an optimized view of the driver's blind spot.

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Mini with serious muscle

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When it comes to performance driving, weight is enemy No. 1. Similarly, if you're trying to squeeze every rolling metre out of a litre of fuel, too much junk-in-the-trunk is not the way to go.

Following this line of reason, a lightweight car with a highly tuned small displacement engine is a formula for fun and efficient motoring.

Checking all these boxes is the 2009 John Cooper Works Mini — a Mini Cooper S coupe with a serious injection of oats. The 1.6L DOHC direct-injection turbocharged four is tuned to crank out 208 horsepower and 192 lb.-ft. of torque from 1850-5600

r.p.m., up 36 and 15 respectively from the Cooper S. Put your foot in it, and there is an overboost function that momentarily kicks the torque up to 207 lb.-ft.

This car is very quick. Street-racing velocities sneak

up on you in the blink of an eye.

How many times has the Mini's handling been compared to a go-kart? Enough for me to visit a couple of kart-racer buddies who were doing some testing at Good-

wood Kartways. They thought the car was a hoot, and confirmed its dynamics were somewhat akin to their high-powered karts.

Thanks to some bespoke suspension tuning and sticky 205/45R17 Continen-

tal ContiSportContact footwear, the Mini's all ready quick reflexes are notched up to Chihuahua-on-amphetamine levels here.

Turn in is crazy quick and the upgraded Works brakes require a light touch. With the Sport button on the console engaged, steering and throttle responses sharpen. It takes a little while to recalibrate your inputs to drive this car smoothly.

Externally, the JC Works Mini gets a more aggressive front fascia with unique grill inserts, 16-spoke lightweight alloys, a large rear spoiler, and a pair of honkin' chromed exhaust tips that broadcast a pretty sexy bark.

Yes, the 2009 JC Works Mini might be as cute as a puppy, but beware, it pulls like

2009 Mini JCW

Type: Compact coupe

Price: From \$38,390

Engine: 1.6L direct injection turbocharged four

HP: 208

Torque: 192 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Extensive comfort package
- Enhanced power

one, too. Hammer the throttle in second gear and you're fighting to keep on the straight and narrow. Do the same at 100 km in third gear and it will still try to yank you into the corn.

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Construction has begun on Albania's first Club Med seaside resort after police cleared a roadblock set up by protesting villagers, who say developers lack proper permits, and that the appeals court hasn't ruled on who owns the land — the government or locals. **REUTERS**

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Underwater in Mauritius

Explore and enjoy the blue waters around this island nation

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News



An underwater "sub-scooter" safari is one way to explore the azure blue, bathwater-warm waters around the exquisite volcanic island of Mauritius.

It's not every day that you find yourself piloting a scooter through the corals of the southwestern Indian Ocean. However, this is exactly how I made my first exploration of the azure blue waters of Mauritius — on what claims to be the world's only underwater "sub-scooter" safari.

While scooter and rider are submerged three metres under the surface, a transparent dome over your head is pumped with air for so you can breathe normally and chat with your co-driver as you navigate through shoals of brightly-coloured fish. (blue-safari.com, based in the resort of Grand Baie, \$183 per couple).

Of course, this is just one way of enjoying the bathwater-warm ocean around this exquisite volcanic island. Mauritius is famous for long stretches of soft white sandy beaches, as

well as the ring of coral reef around it that creates protected lagoons full of exotic fish.

Should you get bored of sunbathing, you can wade into the water with a snorkel. You can usually see plenty of underwater activity within a few metres of the shore, and most hotels offer snorkelling trips where they'll take you to the most fish-crowded areas of the reef. If you're keen to see more, diving is spectacular here.

If you prefer to be on top of the water, there's surfing, kayaking, pedalo, sailing and even kite surfing, popular with a hip crowd on the western coast.

Another must is deep-sea fishing. Mauritius is one of the best places in the world to fish for marlin, a large and imposing dark

On the web

• mauritius.net

blue fish with a pointed nose. Take a trip with JP Henry Charters, a family-run operation based at the Le Morne Angler's Club on the western coast, and they'll send you out with local skippers who will take you to the best fishing spots, sailing past groups of curious dolphins.

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• Tamassa, the four star hotel with friendly staff and uplifting, chic rooms, and all the facilities you might need — pretty beach, spa, watersports, swimming pools, several restaurants, nightclub, bar with live shows (naiade.com).

How to get there

• Air Mauritius planes with their uplifting orange and lime green colour scheme, fly

from most destinations into Mauritius main airport at Plaisance (airmauritius.com).

Getting around

• Hire a car or have a friendly experienced guide from Mauritours show you around (mauritours.net).

Currency

• \$1 = 26 Mauritius Rupees

Language

• English and French

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However, that would be a shame, there is so much more to Mauritius than sea, beach and waving palm trees.

This tiny 2,040-square-kilometre island country wasn't "found" until the 16th century, when it saw a succession of Dutch, then French and British coloniz-

ers, bringing with them first slaves from Africa, then Indian and Chinese labourers.

The country became independent in 1968 and remains a stable, prosperous and highly literate nation, with a lively and harmonious mix of cultures and religions.



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South Korea's coolest cultural draw

The country's B-Boys are so good they've morphed into a Broadway-style attraction

TheTravelJunkie



In the land of Samsung and kimchee, there's a cultural phenomenon that's moved out of the underground and into the sights of national tourism marketers.

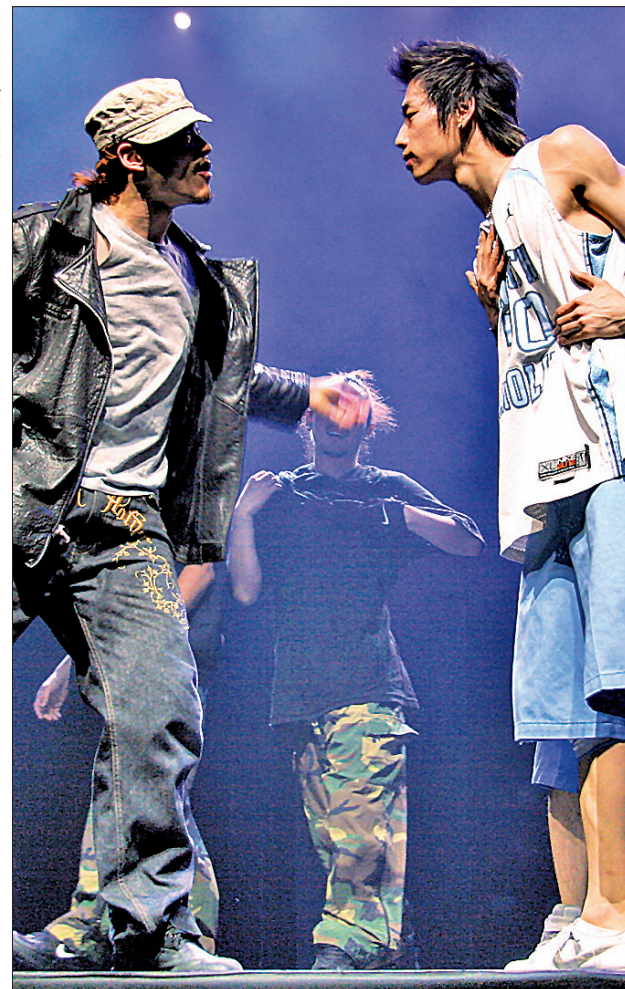
South Korea is king of B-Boy dance culture, routinely sweeping up international awards for a pursuit that most would more closely associate with the streets of New York City. (It was there, during the 1970s, that a variety of dance styles fused together and became a key part of the burgeoning hip-hop scene — today's B-Boys can trace their roots to that era.)

In the 1980s and 1990s, the movement came to South Korea, where it's been practised and honed. South Korean B-Boys appropriated American moves but improvised their own touches, and now the country boasts about 100 crews who compete in international championships and regularly beat out competitors from the U.S.

The Drifterz Crew, three-time winners of the U.K. B-Boy Championships, say that extreme dedication is the reason Koreans make such great B-Boys. "Koreans practice like it's a science. They break it down and study the parts," explains



Left, Korea's Drifterz Crew are three-time winners of the U.K. B-Boy world championships. Right, B-Boyz & Ballerina is a performance showcasing B-Boy culture.



Korean B-Boys

- For more information on performances of B-Boyz & Ballerina, visit bisabal.co.kr.
- To see the country's B-Boys at their finest, attend the R16 World B-Boy Championships & Urban Arts Festival, r16kor.com.

one crew member.

They're known for their precision and for practising four to six hours a day.

B-Boys — and the occasional B-Girl — are becoming so popular that even the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) is getting behind them, promoting the movement as a "cultural and unique" attraction for foreign tourists. The KTO has even set up a "perfor-

mance tourism marketing strategy" through which tourists can come to see Broadway-style shows starring internationally-acclaimed B-Boys. Jump, Ballerina Who Loves a B-Boy and Marionette are all examples of non-verbal, multi-media shows that target tourists by transcending language barriers through dance, music and high production values.

Miss Lee, a Utah-raised 24-year-old who recently returned to South Korea to live, work and study, taught herself how to battle by watching American breakdancing videos. Her signature move is a one-handed hand hop, in which she bounces upside down in a hand-stand-like position. Miss Lee is also performer

in the stage show B-Boys and Ballerina, best described as Stomp-meets-West-Side-Story with a hip-hop twist: Boy meets girl, they fall in love, conflict ensues. He's from the wrong side of the tracks, and the matter can be settled only one way — with a dance-off. The girls don Sandra Dee-style skintight black pants and true love prevails over social class.

The pounding music, provocative costumes and skilled choreography make for an impressive stage show. Tourists leave the theatre bursting with energy and an earnest desire to take B-Boy dance lessons themselves.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 8 p.m. EST on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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Rainy days

Rihanna has topped the U.K. singles chart rundown for 2008, selling almost 1.3 million copies of her song Umbrella, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

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Carrey at nimble best in Morris

MOVIES I Love You Phillip Morris doesn't have anything to do with smoking, but that's about the only thing it's not connected to. The feature, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, is of the ethereal-absurdist-gay-romantic-biographical farce genre.

Jim Carrey is at his nimble best as Steve, a Texas family man and lawman who bolts out of the closet into a life of, well, everything. He makes up for the lost years of a straight-arrow, heterosexual life by plunging head-first into multiple lives as con man and lover. **REUTERS**

Makeover hits and misses

Hollywood has had mixed results remaking foreign films

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

If there's any truth to the old adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," Hollywood sure as heck doesn't heed it. American movie studios are infamous for purchasing pictures that are hailed as masterpieces in their respective homelands and, instead of simply releasing them as is, remake them for western sensibilities.

The latest foreign hit to get the marketable makeover is the blood-freezing 2003 Korean ghost story A Tale of Two Sisters, which is being westernized by directors Thomas and Charles Guard as The Uninvited — it opens in theatres on Friday.

While the merits of this version remain undetermined, the film is in line with Hollywood's near decade long mining of popular Asian thrillers for prof-

it. Sometimes, as in Gore Verbinski's The Ring — a remake of the Japanese hit Ringu — the results are rather good.

More often than not, however, they're dismal white-washed shadows of their former selves; Witness the American riffs on One Missed Call or Shutter if you dare.

Not every remake stems from foreign origin, however. In fact the worst contender is unquestionably Gus Van Sant's completely perfunctory, scene-for-scene 1998 stab at Hitchcock's untouchable American thriller Psycho.

Leeching off Joseph Stefano's original screenplay and Hitch's masterful storyboards, Van Sant's redux was a preposterous art house stunt that alienated casual viewers and raised the bile of purists worldwide.

The most compelling remakes are ones driven by filmmakers with defined aesthetics. David Cronenberg's operatic rethinking of the beloved '50s B-movie chiller The Fly works because the director chose to simply take the framework of the original and graft his own, very personal sensibilities on to it.

Similarly, Alejandro Amenabar's Spanish psychological drama Open Your Eyes was recast with



Alex (Arielle Kebbel, left) and Anna (Emily Browning, right) are united in their suspicions about their father's new fiancée in the haunting suspense thriller The Uninvited.

Tom Cruise in the lead and remade by Cameron Crowe in 1999 as Vanilla Sky to great effect. Crowe's version obeys the mind bending narrative of the original but is saturated with the pop music and cocky dialogue Crowe so adores.

Time will reveal if The Uninvited can stand on its own as a relevant remake but the fact remains that Hollywood is still far too fi-

nancially frightened to take theatrical chances on foreign product without bankable stars. And if you don't believe me, just wait until JJ Abrams unleashes his upcoming American remake of the recent Swedish vampire masterpiece Let The Right One In later this year. Again ... if it ain't broke, for heavens sake, you better have a really good reason to fix it.

Politics, Oscars don't mix: Survey

OSCARS Celebrities who win an Oscar next month should steer clear of politics during their acceptance speeches, or risk alienating viewers.

That's the word from 7,000 moviegoers participating in a poll from on-line ticketer Fandango, which asked participants to name what they like most and least about Academy Awards telecasts.

Fandango noted the dwindling ratings of the telecast in recent years and that new producers have been hired for this year's extravaganza, so it is pitching the results of its survey as "20 ways to improve the Oscars."

At 51 per cent, the No. 1 pet peeve is political speeches, according to the poll.

"We don't care what you think about politics," one respondent wrote. "A bit of graciousness would be in order."

Of course there were dissenters: One wrote that even the "dreadful" political speeches are "a fun part of the Oscars."

Also among the top objections to the telecast: Technical awards (34 per cent), excessive show length (33 per cent), live musical numbers (27 per cent) and "forced" celebrity banter (26 per cent).

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"We don't care what you think about politics. A bit of graciousness would be in order."

Poll respondent

the show that audiences like, according to the poll, are a single host for the whole show (65 per cent), the "in memoriam" tribute (57 per cent), red-carpet celebrity fashion festivities (52 per cent) and the opening monologue (48 per cent). Plus, 27 per cent voted for maintaining or expanding the best animated feature category. **REUTERS**

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Back for more Hobbit action

Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Billy Boyd and Dominic Monaghan will reprise their roles as Hobbits for the prequel to Lord of the Rings — despite the characters not appearing in J.R.R. Tolkien's novel The Hobbit. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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THE ELECTRONIC HEARTH DIMS?

The coverage of Barack Obama's inauguration yesterday was as uninteresting as it was overwrought, but the best thing I read about the event was written by Eric Deggans of the St. Petersburg Times on his blog.

With the Super Bowl in two weeks, it's worth noting that there aren't a lot of events that can guarantee the networks massive numbers any more. Football's biggest game is one, a big deal reality competition show like Idol is another, and a presidential inauguration is still in the running, especially when it's freighted with so much "history," as we've been so persistently reminded.

A major disaster or news event also counts, but I can remember a day when the

list was longer, and included the network TV debut of a blockbuster film, or the final episode of a much-loved TV show, all of which seemed to empty the streets, malls, bars and movie theatres. Hell, I remember when the world seemed to stand still for the funeral of Lyndon Johnson, in the midst of Watergate's political and social turmoil.

Deggans wonders just how much longer we'll find ourselves gathered, alone or in a group, in front of the TV, as part of some communal ritual of witnessing: "In today's super-fragmented media environment," he writes, "little beyond American Idol and the Super Bowl can draw us together around TV's electronic hearth. Once upon a time, everyone could remember where they were when news broke that President Kennedy was shot or Saigon had fallen. These days, when even the selection of a vice president is announced by text message, that memory is gone, swallowed by technology's new ability to bring us instant reporting from just about anywhere to wherever."



Will you remember where you were when Barack Obama was sworn in as the next president of the United States?

For previous generations, Deggans cites the moon landing as a magnet that drew them to the TV, to which I'd add John F. Kennedy's assassination and funeral, while before that TV and radio competed as the focus of the public witness. He recalls where he was when the Challenger space shuttle exploded (I was a fresh college drop-out, watching the news on the TV sets in the electronics department at the Simpsons store where I was working), and the 9/11 attacks (in bed talking wedding plans with the woman who's now my wife).

Technology moves fast — eight years ago, I would have

doubted that my VCR would be gathering dust, replaced by a pumped-up cable box that recorded shows at the touch of a button, or that my CD collection would have been distilled into a hard drive on the top of my computer with a whopping terabyte of memory.

As the viewing experience atomizes and the generations accustomed to ritual witnessing move on, that communal sense of a moment will dissolve, as news — and "history" — becomes more commonplace, like text crawl running at the bottom of our screens.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

50 Cent fearless entrepreneur

FILM Bullet-scarred rapper 50 Cent owns a record label and clothing line, acts and writes books, and now he is adding film production to his multimedia empire — promoting his new venture this week at the Sundance Film Festival.

50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, has launched Cheetah Vision, and he told Reuters at Sundance, the top U.S. independent film festival, that he was not concerned about starting a new business during the global financial crisis.

"I don't think it will affect me as much as it will the other people that are out there because I'm not afraid to finance some of these things myself if I have to," he said.



50 Cent The rapper, who takes his name from a "stickup kid from Brooklyn," was ranked No. 26 on Forbes 2008 list of top 100 richest celebrities with estimated earnings of about \$150 million between June 2007 and June 2008.

50 Cent had a stake in Glaceau, which makes Vitaminwater, and the bulk of his earnings came from the sale of the company to Coca-Cola Co. Forbes estimates the rapper banked about \$100 million after taxes from the deal.

REUTERS

Entertainment in brief

AWARDS The Online Film Critics Society, which consists of Internet-based film critics, has named WALL-E best picture of the year. The film also picked

up an award for Andrew Stanton and Jim Reardon's original screenplay and was hailed as best animated film.

REUTERS

In brief

CELEBRITY Quincy Jones, the Grammy Award-winning producer and composer, is following the lead of U2 frontman Bono by becoming a guest columnist as newspapers look for new ways to entice readers and survive an advertising slump. Jones, 75, kicked off a new series in the Tribune Newspapers on Monday, offering his perspective on Barack Obama as the United States celebrated Martin Luther King Day. The Tribune Company said this would be the first in a special series.

FILM FESTIVAL Expanding its video-on-demand offerings, independent distributor and cable channel IFC Films is partnering with the South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival to present five movies on IFC Festival Direct simultaneous with their appearance at the March film festival in Austin, Texas. REUTERS

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	628	584	43	SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	UFC Primetime	UFC Unleashed				CSI: NY "Tri-Borough"	
	522	516	45	HIST	Moby Dick: The True Story		NCIS "Smoked"				Moby Dick: The True Story	
	627	528	46	SPACE	(6) The Dresden Files		Rabbit Fall				Star Trek: Next Gener.	
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critics' corner

Lie to Me

Tell the truth: You've been jonesing for another drama series in the mold of "Psych" and "The Mentalist." This new offering also has a superob-servant hero, Dr. Cal Lightman (Tim Roth), who works with law enforcement, but his specialty is lie detecting; he can spot a fib a mile away, and this skill is in demand from more than just the police. Kelli Williams ("The Practice") also stars. 10:03 PM



The Ugly Truth About Beauty

The ugly truth is, beauty is expensive. And addictive. In this new documentary, lifestyle journalist Kate Spicer investigates some of the stranger and costlier offerings of the beauty industry, from face masks made from nightingale droppings to the use of stem cells in breast enhancement and other cosmetic surgical procedures. She uses herself as the guinea pig for many of them and soon finds the lure of looking better difficult to resist. 8 PM on CBCon CICT KAYU



Singer Britney Spears is set to become an author — and a very well paid one, at that. Spears has reportedly signed a \$20 million deal to write her autobiography once her Circus tour is done later this year, according to the N.Y. Daily Mail. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Affleck won't talk about baby name

BABY What's the hidden meaning behind Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's newborn daughter's name? The actors won't say, reports usmagazine.com

"That's something that is going to stay in our family," Affleck told Entertainment Tonight when asked about the unusual moniker, Seraphina.

He then said Seraphina and her older sister Violet, 3, are doing "wonderful."

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Photographer saves Jen's dog

PETS Constant paparazzi surveillance actually paid off for once for Jennifer Aniston.

Apparently her beloved dog, Norman, attempted to run away recently, but was nabbed by a photographer staked outside her Malibu, Calif., home before it could dart into a busy intersection, according to [Hollyscoop](http://Hollyscoop.com).

No word on what, if anything, Aniston did as thanks when Norman was returned safe and sound.

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Cannon likes 'Mr. Carey' name

MARRIAGE Nick Cannon likes being known as "Mr. Carey," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor-and-rapper — who married Mariah Carey following a whirlwind romance last year — doesn't mind when people say his wife is more famous than him, claiming he just takes the teasing in his stride.

Asked how he feels when people say cruel things about his wife, Nick replied: "My heart goes out to my wife every time she has to hear something like that. I don't care about nothing, I'm just silly. I make fun of me all the time, I'm like, 'Call me Mr. Carey, who cares?'"

Nick added he feels "blessed" to be with Mariah. He told the TV show *Extra*: "I'm blessed to have a partner that's truly one of

those people that affect the world."

Mariah was equally as gushing about her husband, revealing the secret to the couple's happy relationship is that they are

not afraid to tell each other exactly how they feel.

She said: "The secret to me is realizing when you meet the right person and being brave enough to dive in and say this is the right person for me. We have fun like nobody's business."

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GETTY IMAGES

Cyrus lectured by pastor

RELATIONSHIP Miley Cyrus was lectured by her church pastor for sending text messages to her boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old Hannah Montana star and model Justin Gaston, 20, reportedly infuriated the minister by communicating through their mobile phones during a service at their place of worship in Montrose, California.

The pastor was said to be so upset he took them both aside to speak about their behaviour. A source told *America's Star* magazine: "They

thought they could fool people, but Miley couldn't stop giggling."

Despite the age difference between Miley and Justin, the singer-and-actress says her family approve of their relationship because the underwear model is "a good Christian guy."

Miley said: "Our families are like, 'Whatever happens, happens.' If he's nothing but a really good friend, that's awesome."

"More than anything, he has really helped me move on from a lot of things. He's a really great Christian guy. He's gone through stuff, and I've gone through stuff, and everyone goes through that."

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Cross' husband has cancer

HEALTH Marcia Cross' husband, stockbroker Tom Mahoney, has been diagnosed with cancer, people.com is reporting.

"He is currently under treatment and is responding very well," the actress' rep Heidi Slan tells *People* magazine. The two were married in June 2006, and have 23-month-old fraternal twin daughters, Eden and Savannah.

Cross has credited her husband's love and

support for her own happiness.

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Will Foxx continue Obama imitations?

CAREER Jamie Foxx might have already lined up his next big movie role, usmagazine.com reports.

The actor, who imitated Barack Obama at the We Are One kick-off concert at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, seemed ready to portray the then president-elect.

"Oh, I don't know," Foxx told usmagazine.com at the Declare Yourself event at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. "He's going to do his own movie for the next four to eight years."

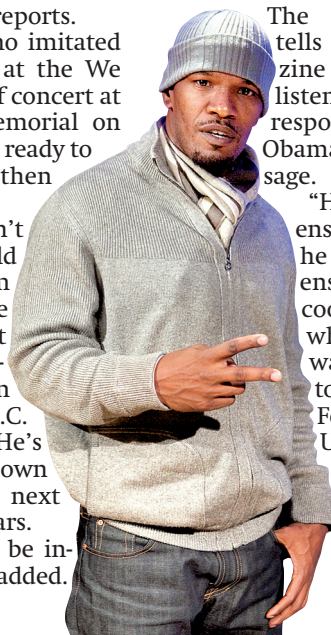
"It's going to be incredible," Foxx added.

Foxx, who recently began discussing politics on his Sirius radio show called

The Foxxhole, tells *Us* magazine that his listeners have responded to Obama's message.

"He straightens us up, but he straightens us up cool, even when he walked out today," Foxx tells *Us* magazine.

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Usher talks volunteerism

INSPIRATION When Barack Obama urged Americans to embrace a new spirit of community service, Usher took that message to heart, people.com reports.

The pop star pumped up grade-schoolers and other volunteers with hand-

shakes, jokes and words of praise as they repainted walls and built two libraries at Simon Elementary School in southeast D.C. — an area with a high dropout rate — on the afternoon of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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Winehouse's dad defends her

HEALTH Amy Winehouse's father says the singer came "close to death" twice during her worst moments, people.com reports.

Detailing his daughter's lowest points for the upcoming TV documentary *Saving Amy*, Mitch Winehouse says that while the media have been reveling in her downfall, "They didn't see her lying in bed for

days in a dark room," he is quoted in *HELLO!* magazine.

Amy's mother, Janis, also appears in *Saving Amy*.

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Celebrate family & friends



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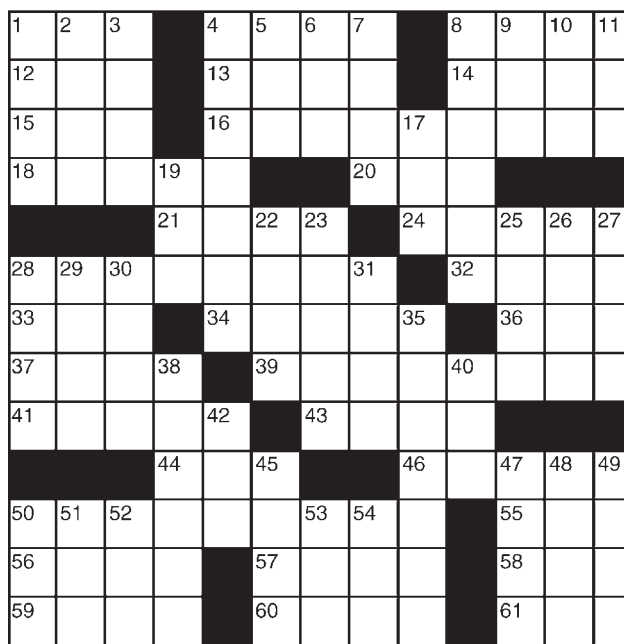
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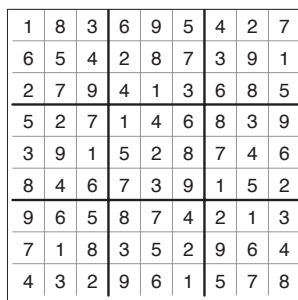
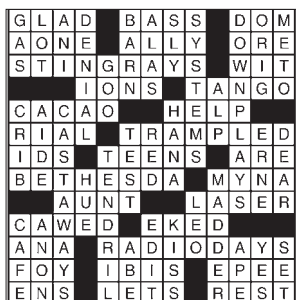
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WEEKDAYS AT 6 AM**Take Five****Crossword across**

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| 1 Unruly group | 36 Fiddler's need |
| 4 Carrots' mates | 37 Roster |
| 8 Arp's style | 39 Sweater type |
| 12 Gorilla | 41 Slug with a shell |
| 13 Sicilian volcano | 43 '60s protest of a sort |
| 14 State with certainty | 44 Burst |
| 15 Eviscerate | 46 Indigent |
| 16 Do-over coupon | 50 "The Tempest" |
| 18 Stern or Singer | occurrence |
| 20 Guy's companion | 55 Tiny |
| 21 Tony of golf lore | 56 "In — -horse open sleigh" |
| 24 Coven member | 57 Exam format |
| 28 Lake or dam in Montana | 58 Right angle |
| 32 Emanation | 59 Fix |
| 33 Altar affirmative | 60 Recede |
| 34 Ex-Senator Lott | 61 Tear |

Crossword down

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| 1 Creche trio | 22 Ford make, for short | SSW |
| 2 Piece of work | 23 Sharp-tongued | 42 Depressed |
| 3 Bygone VHS alternative | 25 Toothpaste | 45 Front of a ship |
| 4 Impression obtained by the senses | 26 Gator's kin | 47 Basin accessory |
| 5 Greek H | 27 Warmonger | 48 Sandwich shop |
| 6 Folk rocker | 28 Son, on the Seine | 49 Kennel cry |
| DiFranco | 29 Valhalla VIP | 50 Muppet eagle |
| 7 Crooned | 30 Parks or Bon-heur | 51 Weeding tool |
| 8 Showy bloom | 31 Dandling | 52 Hostel |
| 9 "Hail, Caesar!" | 32 Scintillate | 53 Historic time |
| 10 Calendar abbr. | 33 Scintillate | 54 Holder for 4-Across |
| 11 Clumsy craft | 34 Left a gratuity | |
| 17 Corvine call | 40 Away from | |
| 19 Model Carol | | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**Find today's answers + play more games at metronews.ca****SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min	Genius	17-21 min	Smart
13-17 min	Scholar	21-25 min	Not bad
		25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day**Fruity One-Pot Lamb****INGREDIENTS:**

1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
 1 2/3 lbs (800 g) best neck lamb chops, cut into pieces
 2 onions, sliced
 2/3 lb (300 g) carrots, peeled and cut into batons
 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) red or white wine vinegar
 3 cups (700 ml) chicken stock, hot
 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground turmeric
 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
 3 sprigs of fresh thyme
 2 bay leaves
 salt and freshly ground black pepper
 1 cup (250 ml) long-grain white rice
 3/4 cup (175 ml) dried apricots, halved
 1/2 cup (125 ml) sultanas

TO GARNISH

Bay leaves

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large flame-proof casserole dish, add half the meat and briefly brown on both sides.

Drain and remove to plate, then repeat with rest of meat. Add onions and carrots to dish, cook for 5 minutes, then add wine vinegar and cook over high heat 2 minutes, scraping up meaty bits.
 2. Pour in hot stock, then add turmeric, cumin, thyme, bay leaves and salt and pepper to season and bring to the boil. Reduce heat, return meat to casserole, cover and simmer 1 hour.
 3. Add rice, apricots and sultanas to casserole and cook 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes, until rice meat are both tender. (stock will be absorbed.) Remove bay leaves and thyme, check for seasoning and serve hot.

SERVES 4**rd.ca**

For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Severe delays will make you very impatient. A middle aged mom will be completely discreet. Being scolded has an outrageous effect on a friend.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Someone is on the road to recovery. A revelation forces a liar to be honest. A coward will experience a minor injury.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Ignore the comical ravings of a bad boy. Don't argue if someone returns early. Your charisma is needed in the evening.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Try to do something that you've never done before. A brute will get in the way of a deal. A bad situation will have a surprise ending.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

A guilty guy has an ulterior motive. An ethical person has an extreme mood change. An anecdote about love will raise questions.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Insist that someone take time away from their computer. A weeping victim meets with the authorities. A smarmy relative is telling the truth.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Force yourself to ask for advice. Don't feel forsaken when someone is malicious. Your enthusiasm causes you to ace a tough task.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

It's your turn to be supportive to helpful people. Say nothing about someone's filthy lifestyle. A visitor causes awkward laughter.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

A surprising rebellion causes hopefulness. Ignore complaints made by a skeptical person. Your suspicions will prove to be well-founded.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

The anticipation of passion deceives a friend. A little guy will thrill you with a discovery. You'll be asked to rescue a friend.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

You'll want to make up with someone. A man is saving you from the truth. You'll have to talk about a hostile takeover.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MARCH 20**

A good-humoured declaration causes damages. Hearty greetings announce a sweetheart's arrival. A respectful person inspires you.



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